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SUBJ: BENIN FOOD SHORTAGE: SALE OF UNHARVESTED CORN FORBIDDEN

1. CITING "THE INVASION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE BY UNSCRUPULOUS TRADERS (COMMERCANTS VEREUX) AND OTHER VILE SPECULATORS," BENIN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS JUNE 29 PROHIBITED THE SALE OF UNHARVESTED CORN (MAIS SUR PIED). PURCHASES OF CORN NOT YET HARVESTED WERE DECLARED VOID AND NON-REIMBURSABLE. INTER-PROVINCIAL TRAFFIC IN FRESH CORN WAS FORBIDDEN. COUNCIL ALSO CALLED ON PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES TO "MAKE CONCRETE PROPOSALS" TO PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE TOWARD SOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF FOOD PRODUCTS MARKETING.

2. ACTION IS TAKEN JUST PRIOR TO UPCOMING HARVEST AND CAN BE SEEN AS WARNING TO WOULD-BE SPECULATORS AND COLLABORATING FARMERS THAT GOVERNMENT ENTERTAINING NO THOUGHT OF SLIPPAGE IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF ITS RESTRICTIVE PRICING POLICIES. THOMPSON

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